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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
 Application No. 10/721,336; Filed: November 26, 2003  
 For: **Connective Tissue Growth Factor-3**  
 Inventors: Ebner *et al.*  
 Our Ref: 1488.0630003/EKS/KRM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application. A status inquiry letter was previously filed on August 17, 2005.

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